

## **ELEC. VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT (EVSE)**

### NON-RESIDENTIAL PERMITTING CHECKLIST

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	Permitting Checklist
Phase 1 Pre-Work Customer	<ul> <li>Pre-Work Customer</li> <li>✓ Visit Alameda Municipal Power website for EV Charger Rebate information and other available state or federal incentive programs; or contact AMP to speak with an EV Advisor:         <ul> <li>www.alamedamp.com/charger-rebates</li> <li>or EV@ALAMEDAMP.COM</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Contact City of Alameda permit office to identify specific requirements, including local fire, environmental, construction, building, concealment and engineering requirements</li> <li>✓ Contact insurance company to acquire additional insurance or separate coverage as needed</li> <li>✓ Hire the contractor and verify credentials with all subcontractors; ensure electrical contractor's license for electrical work is current</li> </ul>
Phase 2 Pre-Work Contractor On-Site Evaluation	Pre-Work Contractor  ✓ Determine the ownership of the site and/or authorization to install equipment at site  ✓ Understand intended use of the EVSE (e.g., fleet, employee, customer, public, etc.)  ✓ Determine number of vehicles charging and connectors per charging station  ✓ Determine source of power and authorization to use source  ✓ Determine type of vehicle(s) to be charged at EVSE  ✓ Evaluate mounting type options (e.g., bollard, pole-mount, wall-mount, ceiling-mount)  ✓ Clarify communication requirements (e.g., Ethernet, cellular, Wi-Fi, none or other)  ✓ Determine the NEMA enclosure type  ✓ Determine the physical dimensions of the space(s)  ✓ Inspect the type of circuit breaker panel board intended for the installation  On-Site Evaluation  ✓ If installing a Level 2 or Level 3 charger, fill out the Alameda Municipal Power Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Information Form at <a href="www.alamedamp.com/charger-rebates">www.alamedamp.com/charger-rebates</a> and submit to AMP  ✓ Verify EVSE meets UL requirements and is listed by UL or another nationally recognized testing laboratory  ✓ Verify EVSE has an appropriate NEMA rated enclosure (NEC 110.28) based on environment and customer needs, such as weatherization or greater levels of resistance to water and corrosive agents  ✓ Determine the level of charger meets customer's EV requirements (most vehicles require a

Ensure cord management methodologies have been considered to reduce the risk of tripping

Ensure mounting type selection based on requirements to meet site guidelines

hazards and accidental damage to the connector



# Phase 3 On-Site Survey

#### **On-Site Survey**

- ✓ Ensure space(s) is visible to drivers and pedestrians.
- Determine proximity to building entrance (could be considered an incentive for EV use)
- ✓ Select spaces proximate to existing transformer or panel with sufficient electrical capacity
- Ensure EVSE installation maintains a minimum parking space length to comply with local zoning requirements
- If available, use wider spaces to reduce the risk of cord damage and minimize the intersection of cords with walking paths
- Ensure sufficient lighting at proposed space(s) to reduce the risk of tripping and damage to charging station from vehicle impact or vandalism; light levels above two foot-candles are recommended
- ✓ Address accessibility requirements (refer to the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Equipment Accessibility section of the Zero-Emission Vehicles in California: Community Readiness Guidebook for more information)
- ✓ Determine availability of space for informative signing
- ✓ EVSE with multiple cords should be placed to avoid crossing other parking spaces
- ✓ All available charging station mounting options should be considered and optimized for the space
- ✓ Determine if hazardous materials were located at the site

#### **PARKING DECKS**

✓ Place EVSE towards the interior of a parking deck to avoid weather-related impacts on equipment

#### PARKING LOTS

 Avoid existing infrastructure and landscaping to mitigate costs, potential hazards and other negative impacts

#### **ON-STREET**

- ✓ Install on streets with high foot and vehicle traffic to mitigate vandalism
- ✓ Avoid existing infrastructure to mitigate costs, potential hazards and other negative impacts
- Address accessibility requirements (refer to the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Equipment Accessibility section of the Guidebook for more information)
- For pull-in spaces, EVSE should be placed in front of the space and centered on the space or placed between two spaces (if two connectors are available); EVSE with more than two connectors should not be used in on-street applications
- For parallel parking locations, the charging station should be installed at the front third of the parked vehicle based on the direction of traffic flow; EVSE with a single connector is recommended to reduce potential trip hazards
- Mount the connector at a height between 36" and 48" from the ground (NEC 625.29) unless otherwise indicated by the manufacturer
- ✓ Install wall or pole-mount stations and enclosures at a height between 36" and 48"
- ✓ Ensure sufficient space exists around electrical equipment for safe operation and maintenance (NEC 110.26); recommended space is 30" wide, 3' deep and 6'6" high
- ✓ Minimize tripping hazards and utilize cord management technologies when possible
- Equipment operating above 50 volts must be protected against physical damage (NEC 110.27); ensure the vehicle is out of the line of vehicle travel and use wheel stops or other protective measures
- ✓ EVSE must be located such that ADA routes maintain a pathway of 36" at all times



Phase 4 Contractor Installation Preparation	Contractor Installation Preparation  ✓ Submit price quote to customer and approved including utility upgrades  ✓ Order equipment  ✓ Provide stamped engineering calculations as needed  ✓ Provide site plan modification with diagrams as necessary  ✓ Complete all necessary service upgrades and/or new service assessments  ✓ Complete permit applications as required by City of Alameda  ✓ Ensure permit is approved and collected  ✓ Schedule all necessary contract work (e.g., boring, concrete and/or paving restoration) and utility work (e.g., utility marking, service upgrade, new service and/or meter pull)  ✓ If underground work is required, call 811 before you dig to have identification and labeling of underground infrastructure
Phase 5 Installation	Installation  ✓ Run conduit from power source to station location  ✓ For EVSE greater than 60 amperes, a separate disconnect is required (NEC 625.23) and should be installed concurrently with conduit and visible from the EVSE  ✓ Post permit at site in visible location  ✓ Remove material to run conduit and/or wiring (e.g., drywall, insulation, pavers, concrete, pavement, earth, etc.  ✓ Examine requirements for installation sites and types of wiring in Chapter 3 of the NEC  ✓ Pull wiring; charging stations require a neutral line and a ground line and equipment is considered to be a continuous load  ✓ Size conductors to support 125% of the rated equipment load (NEC 625.21)  ✓ Prepare mounting surface and install per equipment manufacturer instructions  • Floor-mount: typically requires a concrete foundation with J-bolts on station base; place with space to allow conductors to enter through the base  • Wall/pole/ceiling-mount: install brackets for mounting of the equipment  ✓ Install bollard(s) and/or wheel stop(s) as needed  ✓ Install informative signage to identify the EVSE and potential trip hazards  ✓ Install additional electrical panels or subpanels as needed  ✓ Install service upgrades, new service and/or new meter as needed; utility may also pull a meter to allow for charging station wires to be connected to a panel
Phase 6 Inspection	Inspection  ✓ An initial electrical inspection by applicable building, fire. authorities should occur after conduit has been run and prior to connecting equipment and running wires; if necessary, contractor should correct any issues and schedule a second rough inspection  ✓ If required, the inspector will perform a final inspection to ensure compliance with NEC and other codes adopted within the jurisdiction by inspecting wiring, connections, mounting and finish work  ✓ Contractor should verify EVSE functionality
Phase 7 Alameda Municipal Power Rebate for Level 2 Chargers	Alameda Municipal Power Rebate  ✓ Complete final application for Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) EV charger rebate (level 2 chargers only)  ✓ Consult AMP website for application guidelines: <a href="https://www.alamedamp.com/charger-rebates">www.alamedamp.com/charger-rebates</a>



#### **Additional Resources**

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- ✓ National Codes and Standards
- ✓ American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- ✓ National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- ✓ Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)
- ✓ International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI)
- ✓ International Code Council (ICC)
- ✓ NECA-NEIS Standards
- ✓ NECA and NFPA Webinars
- ✓ Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) Installer Training Course/Certification